

# BC Athletics Junior Development Committee Meeting

**Sunday, April 7, 2013 - Minutes  
Teleconference**

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Called to order at 10:09am

Present: Birgit Weaver, Dawn Copping, Alwilda Van Ryswyk, Sheila Weegar, Tom Dingle, Dan Horan, Kevin Harrison

Regrets: Peter Maryschuk, James Buhlman, James Mehan, Graeme Fell, Dave Short

1. Review/acceptance of the April 7 agenda
  - Moved by Awilda, seconded by Birgit
2. Acceptance of minutes from the January meeting.
  - Moved: Dan, seconded by Kevin

Business arising from the minutes:

- JD committee meeting dates everyone please review list of meetings below and make sure you save the date so you can attend.
- We all need to make sure we improve our email response times to the committee when asked for feedback, decisions or responses

Report on meeting with the BC Athletics Board:

- Dawn brought up issue of delays in updating website JD links
- request that we need to encourage athletes to stay in track after completing Track Rascals.
- Banquet feedback was unanimously positive, very good speakers.

3. Updating web site – BCA still in process of change, and we still don't have control of any changes to JD page.
4. Survey (Graeme and Birgit). Update – not yet sent out, may need to go back to Board of Directors for final approval, will wait to hear from Brian
5. Hammer wire length for 12/13 year olds – we approve of trying out shorter wires for 12/13 year olds to improve safety and effectiveness; available from Jumpstart
6. Format of Meets – feed back: seems to be consensus that status quo remain for existing meets but that certainly we would encourage fun, exhibition or twilight type of meets as a way to provide a less formal event which may attract more athletes to the sport and reduce the “seriousness” of competitions; no real consensus on what to do about the wide variation in meet package formats, layouts.

Alwilda expressed mini-meets are fine for locals, but the 2 and 2.5 day meets are still needed to draw in out-of-region athletes.

Dan explained he runs a 1 day meet with a flat fee entry. Athletes can do as many events as they wish. Dan continued to explain that advertising 2 or 3 fun meets to elementary schools may encourage more elementary participation. He further explained the “Try It” day where clubs can have kids come out and try events to decide if track and field is for them.

Dawn summed up the discussion with don't take away from our regular meets, but add to it to encourage greater JD participation.

#### 7. Entries for Meets

Birgit stated the program Track e.reg can be used at the JD level for meet entries.

- Due to entry errors, BC Athletics want all membership #s in a central location. (This comes as a directive from BC Athletics, not the JD committee.)
- Direct Athletics is one option for registration at \$0.25 per entry.
- registration can also be sent to the meet registrar and downloaded to HyTek.
- BC Athletics sends the required athlete registration file to meet registrars just prior to meets.
- Tom explained the simplified system the Island clubs use.

#### 8. Meet Packages

- The concern is that meet packages are all different. Can we change this?
- Dan suggested to get 5 or 6 club registrars or meet managers/directors to develop a format to share.
- Tom explained the need to have schedules and rules in similar formats so each meet is easier to follow. It would cure the confusion some parents and athletes have when reading the schedules.
- Birgit explained that this is basically a problem for new athletes. We can standardize to a certain extent, but people need to learn how to read the packages.
- Tom explained that he creates a 1 page schedule for girls' track and field events and another for boys.

#### 9. Crests

- Further discussion occurred as to the design and value of the crests. The cost of the crest plus shipping is more than is being charged when individuals order. Clubs are requested to order crests for all, rather than having individual parents order them. A discussion around an increase in costs occurred.

#### 10. Long Term Athlete Development Model

- That the model does not recommend competition for 9 – 11 year olds is not clearly stated.
- Tom expressed disagreement with no competition as competition is involved in all sports. However, we can keep it less intense.
- The crests, etc. are designed to encourage kids to do well even if they are not "winning" at the events. Encouraging pbs was also recommended.
- Birgit commented on the importance of young athletes exposing themselves to competition so they can see how they can improve. She also expressed that it is very important for parents and coaches to expose the younger kids to all events.
- It was felt that we would lose athletes to the sport if they could not compete.

#### 11. Travel Expenses to the AGM and JD Banquet

- Dawn spoke with Terri Gillis to present the following:
  - o All receipts must accompany a claim form which is presented to the JD Chair. . The committee chair forwards claims to BC Athletics.

- \$0.43/km is provided for all BC Athletics business. Miles traveled will be standardized.
- Accommodation is reimbursed with prior booking approval from the committee chair.
- Submit expenses for additional expenses eg. tolls, ferry etc.
- It was agreed that the AGM meal and JD Banquet meals will now be included for all JD Exec. Members rather than reimbursing for food for out of town members only.

## 12. Banquet Review

Dan: organize athletes so their order corresponds with program order.

Dawn: booking of facility/meal and overseeing the awards on stage. She will also MC the beginning and end of the banquet.

Peter: read the names.

Tom: bring the screen and projector.

Kevin: powerpoint presentation/ something at the tables for the athletes to interact with.

Graeme: Take/sell tickets at the door.

Dave: 50/50 draw.

Sheila: centre pieces and 50/50

Alwilda: photos of winners

Birgit : distribution of certificates and Lower Mainland Cross country plaques.

Please email any ideas you have about possible presenters.

## 13. New Business:

- The approved list of 2013 meets is now past due.
- Some concerns were expressed regarding the VOC Elementary meet (due to officiating issues from last year).
- A request was made for the reps from Zones 3, 4, and 5 to work out a Lower Mainland Schedule so meets do not conflict with each other.

Adjournment: Moved by Alwilda